



Sunset Caucus

Waste Action Alert

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Eliminate Taxpayer Subsidies to the IPCC

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Program or Item Targeted: Taxpayer subsidies to the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).

One-Year Cost of Program or Item: \$12.5 million in 2009.

Background on Program or Item to Be Sunseted: The United Nation's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) advises governments around the world on climate change, and supporters of cap-and-tax legislation have used questionable findings by the IPCC as reason to support onerous legislation. This bill would save taxpayers \$12.5 million this year and millions more in the years to come by ending our financial contributions to the IPCC.

Why This Program or Item Is Wasteful: Recently, the IPCC came under fire when emails publicly released from a university in England showed that leading global scientists intentionally manipulated climate data and suppressed legitimate arguments in peer-reviewed journals. There are no denials around the researchers' repeated efforts to avoid transparency, and these researchers were asked to delete and destroy emails so that a small number of climate alarmists could continue to advance their environmental agenda. More than 700 international scientists have signed on to the U.S. Senate Minority Report expressing their concerns over man-made claims on global warming promoted by the UN IPCC. Constituents should not have to foot the bill for an organization that is fraught with waste and engaged in dubious science. American taxpayers are tired of never-ending government spending.

MEMBER ACTION ITEM: RSC Members are encouraged to co-sponsor H.R. 3129 by contacting Chris Brown at ChrisBrown@mail.house.gov or 5-2956. The legislation is authored by Rep. Blaine Luetkemeyer (R-MO) and cosponsored by 16 other Members of Congress.

If you would like to participate in eliminating wasteful programs with the RSC Sunset Caucus, please e-mail brad.watson@mail.house.gov.

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